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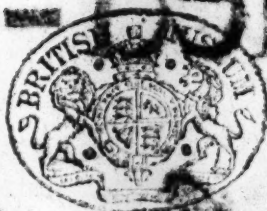
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and Female of a kind into the Union of
a kind; the seed whereof therefor

Bottl'd-Ale.

Philosophers have been remiss
in their Enquiries after the
Nature of Bottled Ale. I do
not find it mentioned in the
Writings of either *Aristotle*, *Pliny*, or
any of the Ancient Naturalists; and
the Modern Authors have been alto-

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Definition.

*Bottled Ale
an Ani-
mal.*

Bottled-Ale, is Ale Bottled ; or thus, Bottl'd-Ale is Ale put into Bottles. It is certain, that Bottled-Ale is an Animal, as we shall prove hereafter by fundry Arguments, moreover it is generated in the same Course and Way, as its Fellow-Animals usually are, viz. by the imposition of the Privy Parts of a Funnel into the Uterus of a Bottle ; the Seed whereof there ferments and quickens, till Time (the Grandfather of all Things) matures it for a Delivery. 'Tis reported that its Parent, of all Creatures, receives the least Satisfaction in the Act of Copulation. But then on the other hand, it suffers the least Pain in the Hour of Travail. This abundantly justifies the equal dispensation of Nature,

*Observati-
on.*

ture, who never obtrudes an inconvenience upon her Children, but she balances the Beam with an equiponderous Benefit; like a Confectioner, who for a Pound of Lead in one Scale puts a Pound of Sugar-Plumbs in the other.

I said that Bottled-Ale was an *Bottled Ale* Animal: And not only so, but *a Rational* I say it is a Rational one. This *Creature.* is manifest, if according to *Aristotle*, Ridibilty be an Index of Rationality; for *Bottled Ale* is born into the World smiling. Besides, it is apt to raise great Disputes amongst the most Learned, and it has been known at the long run to make Fools of the wisest Men in the World. Nor is it a small Argument that there is something more Divine in it then the World was hitherto aware of, for as much as the *Jacks* and *Non-Cons* are observ'd to preach abundantly better over a Bottle than a Pulpit, and they can enlarge more upon a Tankard, than e're a Text in the *Septuagint*.

Bottled

It's Place

Bottled Ale is found in divers Places in this Kingdom, and particularly Places call'd *Publick Houses*. I have consulted the best Historians, Chronologers, and Etymologists concerning the Antiquity, Rise, and meaning of this Word. And in the Nine and Fiftieth Tome of the Works of *Brandynaso* (a learned Abbot) I find that these Places were so denominated from certain Edifices erected for the *Publick Good* in the Reign of Edgar King of the *West Saxons*. However the best Bottled Ale that I have met with (and I may without vanity venture to affirm, that I have taken as much Pains in search of it as any man) I say the best that I have met with yet has been in the Cellars of Country Justices and Fellows of Colleges, to which I refer to the Reader.

It's Vertues and Vices.

Now being about to write it's Vertues and Vices, I would not be understood to consider it in it's moral Capacity but it's Medicinal. And first I think it to be a most Singular Antidote against Sobriety and Sixpences.

This

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is no frivolous Supposition, nor
neen Physical Hypothesis Grounded
upon Fancy and Conjecture, but what
I have experimentally found and try'd
upon the Constitution of my own Ber-
son and Pocket for many Years past
Successively. It also Recreates the
Mind, Exhilarates the Spirits, and
Cherishes the Brain infinitely beyond
your Essences, your Pulvilios, your
Balsamums and such Chymical Innova-
tions. But take this Proviso along
with you, to receive it in the Cup of
Moderation, not exceeding half a do-
zen Quarts or so at sitting. Otherwise
it is apt to provoke Vomiting; but
even then, 'tis a far more inviting Me-
dicine than Carduus Posset-Drink, or
any of your ordinary Emeticks.

Thus far have we handled this our *Conclusion.*
Dissertation on the Natural History
of Bottled Ale. And now what can I
expect than the Common Fate of all
Writers, to be exposed to the severe
Chritichisms of this censorious Age.
But I am to full of Humanity to wish

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Enemics may never drink Aie
I only pray that they may be tied to
the Foundament of a Cart, and loam
bulate the Streets with a dry Pipe in
their Jaws, for the Space of one Year

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